

America is not just a power, it is a promise. It is not enough for our country to be extraordinary in might; it must be exemplary in meaning.
Nelson Rockefeller

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A New Mission Into Space

U.S. astronaut Karen Nyberg -left, Russian cosmonaut Fyodor Yurchikhin -center, and European Space Agency astronaut Luca Parmitano (ITA) pose for the media. That's just before their final preflight practical examination in a mock-up of a Soyuz TMA space craft at the Russian Space Training Center in Star City outside Moscow, Russia, in April, before to travel to the International Space Station (ISS) from Baikonur Cosmodrom on a Russian made Soyuz TMA-09M space craft on May 29, 2013.

NASA is paying \$424 million more to Russia to get U.S. astronauts into space, and the agency's leader is blaming Congress for the extra expense. The \$424 million represents flights to and from the ISS aboard Russian "Soyuz" spacecraft, as well as training, for six astronauts in 2016 and the first half of 2017.

(source: knoxnews.com)

Struggle for the Ukraine

The struggle between Berlin and Brussels, on the one side, and Moscow, on the other, for the predominating influence in the Ukraine is growing sharper - according to a report published by German foreign policy .com. Since the end of 2012, the German RWE company has been systematically expanding its natural gas deliveries to this East European country. Its objective is to break Kiev's dependence on Russian natural gas, by reversing the flow in the pipelines already in place, to deliver large quantities of the gas from the West. However, these efforts - also being supported by the German EU Energy Commissioner, Günter Oettinger - are not advancing rapidly enough. According to reports, pro-western circles in the Ukraine are complaining that Slovakia - without whose pipelines, a

breakthrough would hardly be possible - is opposing the project. Brussels, therefore, should exert pressure on that country, because time is running out. The Ukrainian government signed a memorandum last week, which is considered an important step toward its integration in the Russian-dominated EurAsian Economic Community, about to be established. In Berlin, Ukrainian participation in this community is perceived as incompatible with Kiev's integration into EU structures. This conflict, which in principle, has been going on for twenty years, is being fueled by this new acenatulation.

20-Year Conflict

In principle, the struggle for predominating influence in the Ukraine has been going on since the collapse of the Soviet Union, in late 1991. Whereas Berlin would like to integrate

that country into Germany-dominated European structures, Moscow, for its part, seeks to bind Kiev closer to Russia. From the German-European perspective, one stage of this tug of war for the Ukraine's incorporation, was the "Orange Revolution" in late 2004, bringing pro-western forces into power.[1] and, most recently, the intense - but unsuccessful - attempt to have the ex-Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko released from prison on the occasion of the European Soccer Finals held in 2012 in the Ukraine.[2] Formally, Berlin and Brussels are seeking the finalization of a - long-since initialed - association agreement with Kiev, as a means of imposing the Ukraine's incorporation into EU structures. On the other hand, Moscow seeks to incorporate Kiev into the EurAsian Economic Community

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Putin's Marriage Ended

Russian President Vladimir Putin and his wife, Lyudmila, said on state television, quoted by VOA news, that they had separated and their marriage was over after 30 years.

Asked on Ros-siya-24 television about longstanding rumors that they no longer lived together, the 60-year-old Putin said: "That is true."

Lyudmila Putin, 55, said it had been a "our common decision. And our marriage is over due to the fact that we barely see each other."



Asked whether they were divorced, Lyudmila said it was a "civilized divorce". But neither clarified whether they were legally divorced and Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said he did not know.

Before today, the couple had last been seen in public together at Putin's inauguration to his third presidential term on May 7, 2012.

They married in 1983 and have two daughters, both in their 20s.

VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM AND THEIR PERSECUTORS (V)

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Psychological Modification

A Romanian priest, called Fr. Roman Braga, and who was imprisoned over 24 years in Communist prisons for his faith, told his fellow cellmate, pastor Richard Wurmbrand, why they were being tortured and asked by KGB commissars and Securitate agents to not only keep silent about their faiths, but to curse the Messiah: "If they just kill all of us, Christians, we will go to Heaven as saints. But they just don't want us to become martyrs. First, they want us to curse God, Jesus, and the Bible, so that after our deaths we'll also go to Hell" (Wurmbrand, 1994, p. 74). Lynne Mc Taggart (2002) considers the existence of spirit (tainted or untainted), explained as an energetically fundamentally living and intelligent field, and that is a scientifically proven phenomenon.

One may also explain how despite a draconic regimen of unilateral decimation, starvation, exposure to physical and mental abuse, some victims of Communism (and of other totalitarian regimes), managed to survive, prosper, recreate internal and external harmony, forgive, and even pray for their persecutors, just as many did not make it beyond the first interrogation. The intrapersonal influence we may have over the universe, based on our intentions, interpretations, and actions, may be that which the Communists tried desperately to inhibit in their victims, and at the same time that which was the saving grace for those very victims, in surviving, healing, moving on in life, despite their ordeals, or simply to die in peace. Yet, the effects of the forcefully reversed common sense values are still lingering with millions of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder victims among the masses.

Stanislav Grof (2000) agrees by differentiating between people with different physical strengths or body chemistries that react differently to the same indoctrination, torture, environmental limitations, in surviving at all, or in healing afterwards. Grof (2000), also points to each individual's self or societal expectations, emotional state, social role or spiritual affect, which may all contribute to that person's intrapersonal traits and overall biological survival.

According to Schellenberg, (1996) conflict resolution may be addressed in counseling and mediation by exploring and understanding the stake-holders awareness of emotions, of their mutual issues and different interpretations of the same facts, of their physical sensations, or how to differentiate between manifested and implied positions and interests.

For the oppressors, introspection and understanding of the intrapersonal motivators to do good and bad, be it done individually, in mediation, or during counseling, may disarm the same inner potential which has been tapped into doing harm for over 70 years. For both victims and perpetrators, their understanding of these intangible but powerful forces, may mean the difference between a life continued in misery, or in harmony, according to the sense they give to their destinies to date.

Authors Heimick, and Petersen (2001) describe how during the South African Truth and Reconciliation Committee, addressing the intrapersonal aspects of sufferings from the victims and accountability from the oppressors, was of paramount importance, in order to make the healing process a durable one in that country. Reframing otherwise justified shock, anger, sadness, depression, regrets, hopelessness, and other P.T.S.D. manifestations in both the victims and the perpetrators, from the original destructive venting, into dialogue, allowed for valid emotional complaints to be stated in constructive frameworks, so that the society could find mutually acceptable restorative measures, move on to tangible reparations, reach closure of apartheid, and restart anew building a country from more equalitarian paradigms.

Interpersonal

Twenty years after the official Communist demise in Europe, research shows that Central/Eastern European countries which had been behind the Iron Curtain, still struggle with mending interpersonal relationships that had been destroyed or seriously damaged by Communist manipulation of the masses (European Voice, 2008). Interpersonal alterations, be they active (individual initiative) or passive (imposed on the individual), are due to experiences of a traumatic life under Communist dictatorships that led most people to act unreasonably and in a subservient fashion towards an oppressor, even after the official European Communist collapse of 1989. Changing the societies' mentalities, actions and

interactions is needed in order to create the right premise for an equalitarian dynamic.

In a documentary called *The Soviet Story* (2008), the director was able to give the audience a glimpse into the harrowing experiences of interpersonal damage Communism has meant for its subjects, which included but was not limited to, murder of millions of civilians through arrests, torture, mass killings, organized famine, forced relocation, destroying the privacy of the institution of marriage, forced Russification, using family members as hostages in order to extort silence from refugees abroad, prohibition, or long delays in allowing family reunification abroad (Snore, 2008).

Fisher, and Ertel, (1995) discuss some of the reformation of communication paradigms that need to occur in interpersonal dynamics that will help resolve such a great tear in the fabric of Communist societies. Communities need to avoid the mistakes of: lumping together people and their problems; trying to solve spiritual and relational problems with material trade-offs; blame others for the Communist system's own abuses, mismanagements, or incompetence; and think as the only solution to solving people's problems to be of a violent resort, that is, revolution (Fisher, and Ertel, 1995). With new respect in dialogue and mutual acceptance of people's differences, there will be no more killing of the God that "doesn't exist" and persecuting of the social classes, even of those that the government supposedly "represents" (Wurmbrand, 1994).

Possession of (or detachment from) other ethnic groups, such as with some members of the Russian or Jewish ones, of the Communist revolutions, and the justification, denial, or diminishing of the Communist genocides, with their over a hundred millions victims to date, need to give way to a case by case judgment of Communist criminals and of their crimes. Communism was an internationalist tyrannical system, where Communist torturers came from all ethnic groups and walks of life and persecuted innocent individuals from all walks of life and from all ethnic groups (Wurmbrand, 1994).

Instead, individuals such as Jonathan Sacks (1997), Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom, have showed in the USA, in Europe, and in Israel, particular favoritism for Communist doctrines and ideological dictators, even defending Karl Marx being called an anti-Semite as an "HYPERLINK" <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anachronism> to "Anachronism/anachronism", because: "When Marx wrote On the Jewish Question, virtually all major philosophers had expressed similar views against the Jews, and the word anti-Semitism had not yet been coined, let alone developed into a racial epithet (sic). Thus, Marx simply expressed the commonplace thinking of his era" (as quoted by Wikipedia, 2010).

Also, some members of the Jewish communities consider that the Communists are to be forgiven and forgotten all their deeds and only admired for the saving of Jews from the Nazi Holocaust.

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Struggle for the Ukraine

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(EurASec), whose founding is currently in preparation. Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan had, for this purpose, formed a Eurasian Customs Union in 2010 and initiated a Eurasian Free Trade Zone in 2012. The Ukraine is due to join as soon as possible.

Reversed Pipelines

Essentially, this political tug of war over the Ukraine is currently being waged with natural gas and pipelines. Russia's power resides in the fact that Kiev, to this day, is dependent upon its gas supplies. Last year, at the instigation of the German EU Energy Commissioner Günter Oettinger, an attempt was launched, to break the influence of Russian natural gas. Current global gas market developments allow this possibility. The boom in shale gas, in the USA, in conjunction with the increased availability of liquid gas, has rendered acquisition of natural gas relatively flexible. Last year, Oettinger, along with politicians in Berlin and German industrial circles developed a plan to reverse the flow in sectors of the Ukrainian pipeline system, enabling the pumping of comparably inexpensive gas of the global market through the pipelines to the Ukraine from the West. This would allow the Ukraine to become independent of Russian natural gas supply. Ferretostal and especially the RWE companies in Germany are involved in this plan. (German-foreign-policy.com, report [3])

The Pipes of Slovakia

RWE, in fact, began delivering gas to the Ukraine in November 2012, using, first of all, Polish pipes. By the end of this year, 53 million m³ will have been piped to the Ukraine. The plan is to increase the flow to 5 million m³ per day. Since the end of March, the Ukraine has been also delivered RWE gas via Hungarian pipelines, which have had their flow also reversed. This delivery is planned to increase to 15 million m³ per day. The longer term plan is to be able to deliver a total of more than six billion m³ of natural gas per year to the Ukraine over pipelines through Poland and Hungary. However, this is still insufficient for being able to seriously compete with Russia, which sold the Ukraine about 45 billion m³ of natural gas in 2011 and at least 33 billion m³ in 2012. Therefore deliveries via Slovakia's large capacity

pipelines should also be added. Pumping is to 20 - 30 billion m³ per year to Kiev through Slovak pipes is in consideration. Sample deliveries began in mid-May, but there is resistance. "According to Ukrainian sources, Kiev's negotiations with the question of the reversal of the flow with Bratislava, are making little progress," according to a recent report [4] Pro-western circles in the Ukraine have therefore "made urgent ties to the EU." "Presumably (...) Bratislava is allied with Gazprom." Brussels must get Slovakia's "pipelines unblocked." Time is running out.

The Eurasian Integration

The letter refers to the fact that Kiev's ties to Moscow are actually making progress. With the signing of a memorandum, last Friday, the Ukraine obtained observer status in the Eurasian Customs Union, permitting its integration into these structures, just in time to become a founding member of the EurASec - as Russia desires. The EurASec founding is scheduled for early 2015. Moscow would thereby have achieved a key objective. According to Russian media, the Ukraine's EurASec membership is in compatibility with the EU association agreement. The Ukraine could then serve as a strategically significant - "bridge" between the EU and the "Eurasian" integration project. In both Berlin and Brussels, this idea is stubbornly maintained. Kiev's "Eurasian" integration would rule out "European" integration.

Part of the EU

Accordingly, demands to finally conclude the association agreement with the Ukraine by the fall are now becoming loud. The negotiations of the agreement were terminated in late 2011, and it was already initiated in March 2012. Until now, Berlin and the EU have insisted that the prosecution of their main contacts in Kiev, particularly the prosecution of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, be discontinued. In part, the Ukrainian government has fulfilled this demand, through its pardon and release of former Interior Minister Yuriy Lutsenko, a Tymoshenko ally. German business circles had warned, already last fall, that the demands should not be over-extended and, if necessary, be withdrawn, to avoid completely losing the Ukraine to Russia. [5] Last week, former Interior Minister, Lutsenko visited Berlin for political consultations, at the invitation of the CDU-affiliated Konrad Adenauer Foundation, where he reiterated his ultimate objectives to the foundation: "My wish is for the Ukraine to become part of the European Union. [6]

Interview with the well known Swedish economist Dr. Stefan de Vylder about the Euro crisis and Germany's possible leaving the Euro zone by German foreign policy.com

Reporter: Everyone believes that Greece is the culprit of the euro crisis. Do you agree?

Stefan de Vylder: Greece has until now been the ideal scapegoat. A huge fiscal deficit which the previous governments tried to cover with the help of creative bookkeeping and outright cheating. But it was the membership in the currency union that made it possible for Greece to benefit from low interest rates, a rising euro and easy access to cheap credit. Without the euro, no such tremendous bubble would have developed in Greece (or in Ireland or Spain). And the ECB and other EU authorities failed completely to warn against the danger of the twin deficits - fiscal and current account balances - which characterise most of the EMU countries. It is definitely not fair to single out Greece as the big culprit. The crisis we are witnessing is a crisis for the entire EMU project, which from the very beginning was based more on political prestige than on a sound economic analysis.

Rep.: Who is the real culprit?

De Vylder: There are a large number of culprits which either have contributed directly to the crisis or failed to warn against it, let alone do something about it: all EMU governments, many EU authorities including the ECB, private financial institutions, rating agencies such as Moody's and Standard and Poor's, and many

A costly mistake

others. But from a macroeconomic perspective, the biggest single problem is Germany, although I would not call Germany a culprit in a moral sense of the word. But the country's huge current account surplus makes it virtually impossible for the majority of EMU countries whose international competitiveness has become eroded to solve their problems. If we look at the aggregate current account deficit of the 16 member countries, it does not look alarmingly large: some 65 billion USD. But this figure conceals the fact that Germany alone has a surplus of 175 billion. And the Netherlands has a surplus of another 40-plus billion. And Austria another 10. This implies that the remaining 13 euro zone countries have a current account deficit of close to 300 billion USD. This is a huge figure. And the dilemma is that most of the deficit countries have most of their exports going to other euro countries, which implies that even a depreciation of the euro would fail to restore international competitiveness. Indeed, the main beneficiary of a weakening of the euro would be German exporters.

What Germany - and the euro zone in general - would need is a strong increase in effective demand in Germany, with rising wages and purchasing power, and a higher inflation than in the other euro zone countries. But I don't think that German politicians would agree, especially not today when German money is likely to be needed for various rescue operations elsewhere.

Rep.: Would it solve the problem if Greece were to be thrown out of the euro zone?

De Vylder: If Greece were to be thrown out of the euro zone which in the long run would be good for the country - no structural problem for the entire currency union would be solved. A drastic fall in the value of a new Greek currency would be good for Greece (but would, of course, make the servicing of the country's euro debt very onerous), but it would further weaken the international competitiveness of other EMU members which are competing with Greece in areas such as agriculture, light industry and tourism. Italy, Spain and Portugal would definitely suffer if Greece left the euro zone while these other countries remained locked in.

Rep.: Would an EU economic governing body solve the problem?

De Vylder: No. Although it is perfectly true that a currency union such as EMU, which by definition has a single rate of interest and a single rate of exchange, would need a far-reaching coordination of economic policies to function even moderately well, people in the EU are - for very good reason - not prepared to have their fiscal policies, social policies and labour market policies determined by a non-accountable bureaucracy in Brussels. But a little help from the IMF (in Washington), and attempt to create an "economic government" within the EU would probably accelerate the road to disaster.

Rep.: What, in your opinion, will happen to the euro in the long run?

De Vylder: I would be extremely [continued on page 5]

[1] see also Antisemitische "Kultur" und "Befreiung der Ukraine"
[2] see also Between Moscow and Berlin, Fußball als Mobilisierungsmittel und Fatherland and Freedom
[3] see also Kampf um die Pipelines
[4] Konrad Schüller: Am Scheideweg von Gas und Freiheit, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung 01.06.2013
[5] see also Europas Werte
[6] "Mein Traum ist, dass die Ukraine Teil der Europäischen Union wird", www.kas.de 03.06.2013

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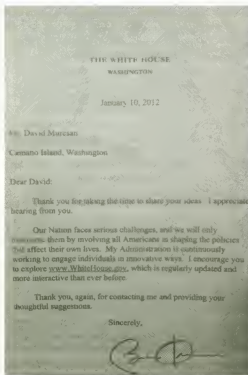
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opinion

Ignorance at highest level ?

by David Muresan,
inventor and researcher

David Muresan, born in Romania, ex-professor, engineer, inventor, researcher, lives on Camano Island WA, a place often called "heaven on Earth"... He came to US a year before the Romanian "coup d'etat" (1989), now being 68 years. Young, as he says. We have found him, this spring, very frustrated because nobody paid much attention to what he called as possible money makers: his ideas and inventions. Mr. Muresan, indeed, looks brilliant, and, for many, like the crazy professor from "Back to the future", the classic movie. He has two inventions patented in Romania in electric motors. Another patent is pending in USA. And he already got, according to his statement, another four inventions patented in America. One in computer electronics, one in lighting, one in computer hardware, and one in digital picture. "The Eastern European Echo" is the only publication in NW America which ever talked to this gentleman. And we can tell you, it worth it: we think Mr. Muresan is the only man in our country who wrote and received answers from both The White House, D.C. and Buckingham Palace, England. He also agreed to have his personal thoughts, opinion, published with us. (Dan Leontescu)



Recently death of Margaret Thatcher prompted me to write this article to draw people's attention about human health. I noticed that Thatcher had a broken speech, which is specific to people using some medications. The explanation is that those medications can damage the brain and will not control the muscles used

and sensitive, FDA

Dear Mr. Muresan,
The Queen has asked me to thank you for your letter of 23rd June, and I must first of all apologise for the delay in replying. Due to the very high volume of mail received in recent weeks, it has not been possible to reply until now.

Careful notes have been taken of your comments regarding your work as an engineer and inventor, and I am sure you will be pleased to hear that your ideas will be taken into consideration in the future.

I should explain that, as the Queen is a monarch, she cannot be involved in the day-to-day running of the government, but she does have a role to play in the life of the nation. I am sorry to hear that your work is not being funded, but I am sure that your ideas will be taken into consideration in the future.

Because my ideas are not known yet, I wrote to different personalities to allow me to present my ideas. I wrote to President Obama, British Queen, and Noreen Fraser suffering of breast cancer, but the reception was very negative. None of them paid any attention to my letters and refused in writing to listen to me. I annex her letters from them. What surprises me is the Noreen refusal to listen to my ideas as she has a foundation to find the cure for breast cancer.

I wish to inform everybody suffering of any disease that is a cure for diseases, that is to use the cause and effect approach and to eliminate

faces serious challenges, and will only overcome by involving all Americans in shaping the policies that affect their own lives. My administration is continuously working to engage individuals in innovative ways. I encourage you to explore www.WhiteHouse.gov, which is regularly updated and more interactive than ever before.

Thanks you, again, for contacting me and providing your thoughtful suggestions.

Sincerely,

Barak Obama
(his Signature)

Buckingham Palace

27th November, 2012

Dear Mr. Muresan,
The Queen has asked me to thank you for your letter of 23rd June, and I must

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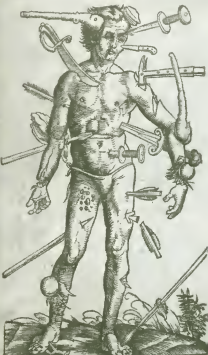


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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

January 10, 2012
Mr. David Muresan

Dear David:
Thank you for taking the time to share your ideas. I appreciate hearing from you. Our nation

first of all apologies for the delay in replying. Due to the very high volume of mails received in recent weeks, it has not been possible to reply until now.

Careful note has been taken of your comments regarding your work as an engineer and inventor, and that you wish to present your findings on human health to Her Majesty.

I should explain, however, that The Queen is a constitutional Sovereign who acts on the advice of her Ministers and it would not, therefore, be possible for Her Majesty to intervene in this matter.

I am sorry to send you a disappointed reply. Nevertheless, please accept my good wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Sonia Bonici,
Senior Correspondence
Officer

A Costly Mistake

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surprised if today's euro zone members are still members ten years from now. Extremely surprised. Economic tensions and political antagonisms are growing all the time. Europe finds itself in a very difficult situation. High and persistent unemployment, nationalism and xenophobia are threatening many countries. The European peoples' sense of solidarity is at stake. If one or several of the weaker countries were to leave the euro zone, the price they would have to pay is likely to be very high (in the short run). For this reason, I don't think that it will be Greece, Portugal, Spain or Italy that will be the first countries to abandon the euro. But I suspect that Germany will find a continued membership a heavy burden. There is no end in sight to the need to bail out countries that are, paradoxically, suffering from Germany's strength.

Germany does not need the euro to maintain its international competitiveness and excellent access to international credit markets. So my forecast is that Germany one day will decide that it is in the best interest of the country - and in the interest of the weaker euro zone countries as well - to leave the currency union. This would be a very difficult process, but in a longer-term perspective it may be necessary. Another scenario would be the creation of a smaller currency union between a few member states - Germany and Austria, perhaps, the Benelux countries, possibly France - and let the others go back to their own currencies. Also a very costly process. But compared to defending an extremely poorly designed monetary union, I think the price would be worth paying. The EMU is unlikely to collapse this year, or next. We will probably need a series of expensive bailouts, and mounting political and social unrest, before EU's politicians acknowledge that the whole EMU project was a costly mistake.

On the phone? You are not alone...

The U.S. National Security Agency is reported to be collecting the telephone records of millions of American companies of one of the nation's largest phone companies, under a secret court order issued in April.

The order, first reported by Britain's Guardian newspaper, appears to require a subsidiary of Verizon to turn over "on a daily basis" all call logs, both within the United States and between the U.S. and other countries. The New York Times and Washington Post are also reporting the story, saying the order does not require Verizon to provide information on the content of calls.

Officials at the FBI and White

House declined to comment, as did representatives with Verizon - according to VOA News.

Reports say the court order falls under section 215 of the controversial domestic surveillance law, the Patriot Act. Section 215 made it easier for "business records" to be acquired by U.S. intelligence agencies.

The Patriot Act became law soon after the September 11, 2001 al-Qaida attacks against the United States, to enhance the powers of law enforcement agencies to track terrorism suspects.

Some lawmakers and civil liberty groups have been critical of the

broad surveillance powers granted under the law.

In 2011, President Barack Obama signed into law a four-year extension of key provisions of the Patriot Act, including those allowing authorities to use roving wiretaps (electronic eavesdropping), conduct court-ordered searches of business records, and conduct surveillance of foreign nationals who may be acting alone in plotting attacks.

The Obama administration has been under fire recently after revelations that the U.S. Justice Department secretly obtained phone records from the Associated Press news agency in connection with a leak investigation.

health

Cleaner Gasoline and Vehicle Standards Would Yield Major Health Benefits

They say "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." The American Lung Association's latest report, "A Penny for Prevention: The Case for Cleaner Gasoline and Vehicle Standards" reveals that Americans would see major health benefits and save billions of dollars if the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is able to fully implement the newly proposed standards for cleaner gasoline and cleaner vehicles.

The report finds that by 2030,

cleaner gasoline and cleaner vehicle standards could:

Prevent more than 2,500 premature deaths annually because of less ozone and particle pollution
Prevent more than 3.3 million days missed at work or school

Result in \$8.5 billion to \$22 billion in annual economic and health care benefits
Produce a pollution reduction equivalent of taking 33 million cars off the road

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Martyrs of Science (XXXIII)

by Paul Petrescu, Germany

He was convinced that the old secret Hebrew word for God, directly related to the sacred numbers that represented the beginning and the end of all things, was the magic word. The Pythagorean numbers which detained a superior reality revived in the occult Cabala were thus reinforced as representing the universe. Analysing the non-conceivable attributes of God, the Hebrew word for "nothingness" with its structure of magic numbers, is the perfect expression. He was Reuchlin's genesis of the universe begins with nothingness, which filled the cosmic space. For the birth of the universe this magic nothingness concentrated in a point, leaving all the rest empty. Through the power of radiation of the creative nothingness which was like a central cosmic light, the universe was created with numbers as its first manifestation.

We have to leave here Johannes Reuchlin with his amazing "big-bang" concept, preceding even Hawking's a.o. modern theories about, to remember one of his contemporary philosopher and magician, Cornelius Agrippa von Nettesheim. He wanted to learn magic, natural magic, not the demonic magic, the science of sciences, in order to know and subdue the natural laws. Cornelius Agrippa was convinced that he had first to study the natural phenomenon as they present themselves to the senses.

He had no time to leave everything but wanted to save a friend in the Pyrenees only with his magic powers. He had to flee to Spain after being denounced as a sorcerer. After long wanderings, far and wide to teach and use magical arts, Agrippa found shelter at Metz, as a public officer and judge. Here he wished to save a woman accused of sorcery, from the stake because her mother had been burnt as a sorceress. This time he didn't use his magic powers. He just argued that the poor woman was baptised and therefore she was freed from her mother's sin by the holy sacrament of christening. Cornelius was but had to start again his travels in flight to flee the Inquisition.

In 1530 Cornelius published *De Vanitate Scientiarum* "About the Futility of the Sciences", where he strongly criticized the scientist who used only their imagination instead of objective observation of nature. Again in 1530 he was charged with heresy in putting him under arrest but he was freed with the influence of his political friends and died at Grenoble, 1535. He was more naive as astute in his play with magic as many alchemists were.

At the same time, the Council of Trent (1545-1563) which did not realize its objective to reconcile the western church, agreed to put on the index the books of the physician, humanist and social satirist Rabelais, which were also condemned by the Sorbonne. Rabelais was a humanist with a powerful pen in the service of the human rights. He had many powerful friends who saved him from an almost inevitable cruel fate. His irony was as cutting and painful as were the sword and the flames of those times. He preached the liberty of education and criticized strongly the Sorbonne which was still a medieval and scholastic rampart and condemned Rabelais many times till his death, 1533. One may not forget, that only a century ago, the University of Paris which included the Sorbonne as one of its colleges, condemned Joan of Arc to be handed over to the secular power, because of heresy, despite of her abjuration. Joan of Arc was nineteen when she was burned alive at the stake, 30.05.1431.

The Sorbonne also published one of the first index of forbidden literature. Only about 10% of the population could read and write at the time. But books were a public danger, being read by a turbulent and active minority.

A curious event of book burning happened in Basel, 1527, June 24. But this time just the "old and approved authors" like Avicenna and Galen, were thrown into the flames, because they were never long accepted as the last word in medicine. The best physician of the time, was Philippus Aureolus Theophrastus Bombastus von Hohenheim, who called himself Paracelsus, that means beyond Celsius, the renowned Roman physician from the first century. He ignited demonstratively the old books in front of the university of Basel. He was an innovator in everything he did, but made many enemies and had to flee from Basel to save his life. This was his second long wandering where he found enough time to write new treatises and revise his old ones. Paracelsus regained his world notoriety and most of his findings are still valid to day. His last report but incredibly full and he died in his native country Austria, at Salzburg, in 1541, in his best years, aged 48.

Adriac successor of Paracelsus, who was born at the end of the XVI century and also a forerunner of modern medicine was Johann Baptist van Helmont.

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Signs Of The Times (XIV)

by Seraphim Rose

THE GROWING COLD OF LOVE

Another very symptomatic sign of our times is the next one mentioned in this chapter of Matthew: that the love of many grows cold. This seems to be a definite characteristic of our times, to a quite greater degree than at any time in past history. One can see this in what can be called nihilism. People commit crimes for no particular reason, not for gain but just for a thrill because they do not have God inside them. In all kinds of places now, one can see the lack of normal human relationships in families, which produces cold people. It is this kind of people who, in a totalitarian society, are used as slave drives, working in the concentration camps and so forth.

Recently we had the tragedy in Jonestown, which was composed of American citizens. The people there were idealists who devoted themselves utterly to a cause. Although it's come out now that it was actually a communist commune, still the people were supposed to be Christians. The leader was a minister of the so-called Church of Christ, one of the mainline denominations. And yet these people, supposedly having some awareness of God and Christianity, coldly killed each other. Those who drank and administered the poison to their children did so with calm faces.

There's no problem, that's just your kind, that's what you're told to do. This kind of coldness is what Christ is talking about. Any kind of normal human warmth has been abolished because Christ has gone out of the heart; God is gone. This is a frightful sign of our times. In fact, they're very things that happened in Jonestown is a warning because it looks as though much worse things

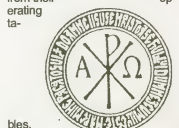
are going to come. This is satan's work, quite obviously.

Just a year or two before that occurred, we heard of what happened in Cambodia. A small party of men—some ten or twenty altogether—took a whole country in their hands and killed off at least two million people quite ruthlessly, based on some abstract ideas. We're going to get back to the country, they said; therefore, everybody is to leave the cities. If you can't leave the city, you die. People in the hospitals had to go to the camps.

And the hundred million people will be like fertilizer for the future world paradise. It so happens that in Russia there have been exactly a hundred million people missing since 1917, of which at least sixty million were killed by the Soviets themselves.

So this sign is very, very present in our times: that love grows cold. This occurs among Christians also, not just in the world at large. Then another sign, which in our times has reached greater dimensions than every before, is that the Gospel is being preached in the whole world. This, of course, is true in the very text of the Gospel is being spread in almost all the languages which are spoken on the earth now—at least a thousand languages, I think. Moreover, the Orthodox Gospel is being preached all over Africa now. We send our magazines to Uganda and Kenya, and receive letters back—very touching letters from young African boys who are converts to Orthodoxy. They have the utmost respect for their bishop; they go to seminary. It's obvious that a very Orthodox feeling is being given to these people in Africa. They are very simple people. Orthodoxy does not have to be complicated if there are very simple people to preach the Gospel to. It's only when others come in to challenge it and to say that the Scripture means something else, trying to give over-literal interpretation which mean doing away with priests and bishops, that the people begin to get mixed up. If they're preached the Orthodox Gospel, simple people respond now in the same way that they've always responded in the past. The problem is, rather, with complicated people.

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Cleaner Gasoline and Vehicle Standards Would Yield Major Health Benefits

These new, more protective standards would limit sulfur in gasoline for the cost of about one penny per gallon and would tighten the limits on tailpipe emissions from new vehicles for the cost of less than \$150 per new vehicle. These revised gasoline standards would reduce pollution from all cars, light trucks and SUVs as soon as the cleaner fuel is in place.

"Americans drive a lot. The number of vehicles on the road and the mileage driven remain near an all-time high, exposing millions of Americans to the harmful impacts of tailpipe pollution," said Paul G. Billings, Senior Vice President of the American Lung Association.

"Although cars are a lot cleaner than used to be, they are still a major source of pollution that makes us

sick." | from page 5

The burden of air pollution on people is not equal. Up to 45 percent of the urban North American population lives, works or goes to school within 300-500 meters of a major roadway, putting them at greater risk for harm from tailpipe pollution.

Children, the elderly, people with chronic lung and heart disease and diabetes and those with low-income are at greater burden. In fact, living near a major roadway can cause asthma attacks and may lead to childhood asthma, heart attacks and even premature death.

The proposed cleaner gasoline and vehicle standards would reduce ozone smog and particulate pollution, which will bring relief to millions

of Americans suffering from asthma and other lung diseases and cardiovascular diseases. Also by keeping people healthier, families will miss fewer days at work and the US will save billions of dollars in lower health care costs.

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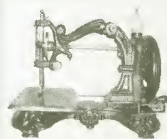
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Russia: "Pussy Riot" member on hunger strike moved to hospital

A member of the Russian punk band "Pussy Riot" who went on hunger strike in jail last week has been taken to hospital. Maria Alyokhina was moved to a hospital in her prison colony in the Urals town of Berezniki, the husband of one of her bandmates told the Associated Press quoted by BBC. Alyokhina began her protest after being barred from attending a parole hearing. She and two other members of the "Pussy Riot" group were jailed after staging an anti-Vladimir Putin protest in a Moscow cathedral in February last year.

One, Yekaterina Samutsevich, had her sentence suspended on appeal last October. Another, Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, was denied parole last month. In a letter published by her lawyers earlier this week,

Alyokhina claimed prison officials were attempting to turn fellow inmates against her by holding a security crackdown in advance of the parole hearing. Alyokhina previously spent five months in solitary confinement after claiming that officials deliberately lodged her with hardened criminals and encouraged them to intimidate her.

The "Pussy Riot" trio were jailed for two years last August after being convicted of a breach of public order motivated by religious hatred.

The prosecution prompted worldwide condemnation, with Sir Paul McCartney among those calling for the band members to be freed.



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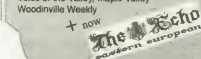
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